GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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REMOVAL OF MEDIA RESTRICTIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts have demanded from the Government of India and Pakistan to immediately remove all restrictions on sale and exchange of newspapers, magazines and beaming of news channels from either country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Indian Government in the matterr?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c): As informed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Pakistan exercises a ban on Indian news channels and print media. Pakistani TV channels and civil society have been lobbying to lift this ban. The Government of India have asked Pakistan to remove the existing ban on Indian TV news channels and to permit commercial exchange of newspapers, books and periodicals.